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SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, March 20, 2015 -- Honey production in 2014 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 24.4 million pounds, up 64 percent from 2013, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked second in the nation for honey production, behind North Dakota.

There were 280,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2014, up 6 percent from 2013. Average yield was 87 pounds per colony, up from 56 pounds per colony in 2013. Producer stocks were 5.85 million pounds on December 15, 2014 down from 6.38 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2014 crop averaged 209 cents per pound, up from 207 cents in 2013. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2014 was 50.9 million dollars, up 66 percent from 2013.

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